

HOUSE BILL 2027  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to the issuance of license plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

- ( ) Tennessee Democratic Party;
- ( ) Tennessee Republican Party;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new Section 55-4-297:

Section 55-4-297.

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of the State of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in §55-4-203, shall be issued a Tennessee Democratic Party license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by §55-4-210(c).

(b) The license plates provided for in this section shall contain an appropriate logo or design representative of the Tennessee Democratic Party. Such plates shall be designed in consultation with the Chair of the Tennessee Democratic Party.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Tennessee Democratic Party license plates shall be allocated in accordance with the provisions of §55-4-215(d).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new Section: 55-4-298:

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(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of the State of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in §55-4-203, shall be issued a Tennessee Republican Party license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by §55-4-210(c).

(b) The license plates provided for in this section shall contain an appropriate logo or design representative of the Tennessee Republican Party. Such plates shall be designed in consultation with the Chair of the Tennessee Republican Party.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Tennessee Republican Party license plates shall be allocated in accordance with the provisions of §55-4-215(d).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-215(c), is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (2); by deleting the period (.) at the end of subdivision (3) and by substituting instead the language "; or"; and by adding the following language as a new subdivision (4):

(4) A statewide political party.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-215, is further amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d) and by redesignating the subsequent subsection accordingly:

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) or any other provision of this part to the contrary, effective July 1, 2001 and for all subsequent fiscal years, all revenues produced in each fiscal year from the sale or renewal of the license plates authorized by § 55-4-297 and §55-4-298, minus the expense the state has incurred in designing, manufacturing and marketing such plates, shall be allocated in equal amounts to the respective treasurers of the state executive committees of the two (2) statewide political parties that received the highest number and the second highest number of the total votes cast for gubernatorial candidates in the most recent election of governor.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect Jul 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.